

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An improved backside decoration element for a pin-type earring ~~of the type~~ which has a clutch, a longitudinal hole, and an outer cover made of a silicon material with an edge part protruded therefrom, wherein the improvement comprises:

said longitudinal hole formed on ~~[[the]]~~ a central portion of the backside decoration element thereof, said longitudinal hole getting smaller at ~~[[the]]~~ a top portion thereof and larger at ~~[[the]]~~ a bottom portion thereof;

said clutch having a plurality of fixing projections disposed on ends thereof with which an earring pin is guided to said longitudinal hole; and

said outer cover for covering said longitudinal hole and said clutch, said outer cover having said edge part protruded on ~~[[the]]~~ an upper end portion thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The backside decoration element according to claim 1, wherein said longitudinal hole gets smaller at ~~[[the]]~~ a top portion thereof and larger at ~~[[the]]~~ a bottom portion thereof, so as to prevent said earring pin from being removed therefrom.

3. (Currently Amended) The backside decoration element according to claim 1, wherein said clutch is provided with said plurality of fixing projections that are disposed at an ~~in the~~ inside of said outer cover and adapted to prevent said outer cover and said clutch from being separated or damaged.